

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
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## **STATUS INQUIRY LETTER**

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Sir:

Approximately twenty-four (24) months have passed since the filing of this application on May 5, 2004. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Kindly advise the undersigned when an Office Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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